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Dear Mr. Wilson:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Please clarify all expenditures made for Party Building Media on Schedule H4. If a portion or all of these expenditures were made on behalf of specifically identified federal candidates, this amount should be disclosed on Schedule B or F supporting Line 23 or 25 and include the amount, name, address and office sought by each candidate. 11 CFR §104.3(b)

-Schedule A supporting Line 12 discloses a transfer-in from the Republican National Committee. Schedule B supporting Line 21(b) reflects payments for various exempt activities. Payments for this type of activity are exempt from the definition of a contribution or expenditure if certain conditions are met. The conditions are that no public advertising may be used including distribution by direct mail; all funds used for the activity must be permitted under the Act; none of the funds used may have been designated for a particular candidate; and finally, payments for the activity may not be made from transfers-in from the national committee to specifically fund the activity. For further guidance, please refer to 11 CFR 100.7(b)(15) and (17) and to the Campaign Guide for Party Committees.

Please clarify the nature of the transfers-in and subsequent payments for all of the exempt activities. If the activity disclosed on your report does not meet the definition of "exempt" activity as described above and if any